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SECTION 1 (SOVIET)

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1. USSR. Soviet Mission in Tokyo reportedly has invited Koreans to film showing: Leftist Korean organizations have scheduled national conventions to be held in Tokyo on 21-23 September and in November. The Soviet Mission reportedly has invited the delegates to attend a showing of propaganda films. CINCPAC expects the conventions to be orderly in view of the deportation legislation now being considered by the government. Undoubtedly this will be the main topic discussed at the conventions. [redacted]

Comment: The Soviet Mission has not generally identified itself with the Korean minority group in Japan. However, the Mission frequently shows propaganda movies which are attended by Communists and non-Communists, including a few Diet members.

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2. Belorussian MGB official receives triple awards: A newspaper announcement on 31 July revealed that MGB Minister L. F. Tsanova (of the Belorussian SSR) was awarded the Order of Lenin for his achievements in behalf of the nation and in honor of his 50th birthday. In addition, Tsanova received the following honors: Order of the Red Banner in recognition of his long and unblemished service in the ranks of the MGB; a commendation "for outstanding achievements in the service of guarding the national borders of the USSR and in connection with the 30th anniversary of the Border Troops of the MGB of the Belorussian SSR." [redacted]

Comment: Awards to prominent individuals on the occasion of their 50th, 60th, or 70th birthdays are becoming a fairly frequent occurrence in the Soviet Union. The simultaneous granting of two decorations and a citation, however, is a fairly rare event, particularly when it concerns the publicity-shy MGB. It is possible that internal troubles within the Belorussian SSR may have been the reason behind the awards.

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3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Combined military maneuvers underway: The Military Attache in Prague has reported that, on the basis of observations during three recent field trips to Western Bohemia, he is convinced that combined military maneuvers on a division level or larger are underway in the Cisarsky Les area near Karoly Vary. [redacted]

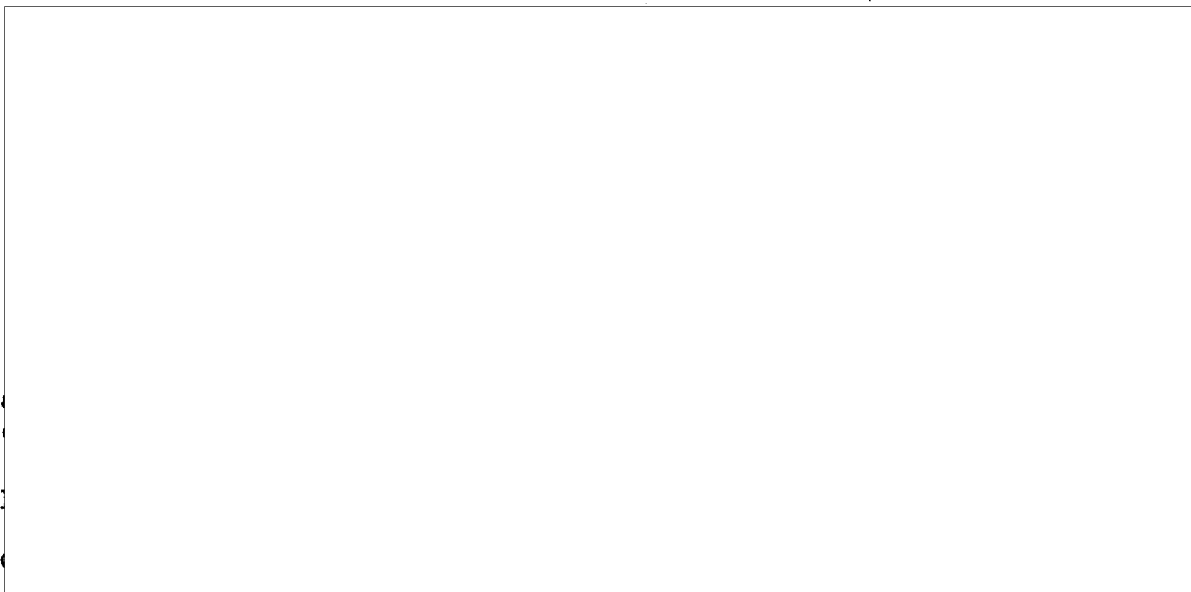
Comment: Armies are more mobile while on maneuvers than while at their barracks, and units of the Czechoslovak Army have been on maneuvers in this area (near the US Zone border) all summer. The Czechs have not had successful large-scale maneuvers since the end of the war.

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SECTION 2 (EASTERN)

1. IRAN. Ejection order urges exemplary behavior in dealing with British technicians: The official order expelling British technicians from Iran was made public in Tehran on 25 September. Besides stipulating that the British must leave by 4 October, the order stated, "it is necessary that the behavior of the authorities, Iranian employees, and workers should be of such a nature toward them that said persons will leave Iran with the most friendly feelings. The attention of the temporary board of directors is particularly drawn to the necessity of carrying out the details of this instruction."

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Comments: The Iranian Government apparently wants to avoid giving the British any possible justification for the landing of troops at Abadan.

2. INDONESIA. Dissident attacks coordinated in West Java; government reveals operations in East Indonesia: Heavy and repeated attacks by apparently coordinated bands numbering from 20 to 500 occurred in West Java during the past week. Resurgence of such activity is probably the result of the withdrawal of three or more infantry battalions from West Java for the Celebes campaign.

Meanwhile, the government has announced the commencement of large-scale operations in the Celebes and has admitted recent action against rebels on the island of Ceram in the South Moluccas.

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Comments: The government maintains very strict censorship on operations in East Indonesia and in the South Moluccas. Its admission of the Ceram action confirms persistent rumors that the army is still encountering resistance from remnants of the insurgent South Moluccan Republic.

3. INDOCHINA. Press in Saigon denies French move to repatriate Chinese Nationalists: All newspapers in Saigon carried an identical dispatch datelined Paris denying that the French Government had any intention of repatriating to Formosa the 30,000 Chinese Nationalist troops now interned in Indochina. All newspapers italicized the paragraph which explained that repatriation would constitute a violation of international law and a pretext for direct intervention on the part of the Chinese Communists.

Comments: The circumstances of this press announcement suggest official inspiration, especially in view of the fact that the French

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authorities have for a long time openly taken this position.

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4. CHINA. Central-South area admits "chaotic situation" in education: The Department of Education of the Central-South District of Communist China has directed an investigation of the "chaotic situation" in the area's schools. This action follows similar admissions of "chaotic conditions" in education in the Southwest and East China Districts. Unplanned recruitment of students for government and army work and arbitrary mobilization of students by local organs for various political projects have been described as the principal problems in all three areas.

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Comment: As previously noted, this problem is doubtless general throughout Communist China, and derives from the regime's great need for educated workers and its inordinate regard for purely formal political activity. In order to help remedy the situation, the Communists must, and probably will, compromise on the political schedule.

5. Communists admit 28,000 executions in Kwangtung: The Vice-Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government has stated officially that 28,332 persons were executed in Kwangtung in the period from October 1950 to August 1951. The Vice-Chairman's report discloses that 90,000 persons were arrested in that period as "counter-revolutionaries," and claims that effective action has been taken against 52,000 "bandits" and more than 93,000 "local despots" in the countryside.

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Comment: The 28,000 persons admittedly executed were presumably among the 235,000 listed in the three anti-Communist categories. As Kwangtung's population is estimated at 30 million, these figures are roughly consistent with those from other areas classifying about one percent of the population as actively hostile and admitting the execution of about one-tenth of one percent. The true figure for executions is believed to be at least twice as high in every area as the Communists have admitted, and the figure for Communist China as a whole is expected to exceed one million in 1951.

6. Campaign against churches continues: A Peiping news release, giving incomplete figures for the period May-August 1951, reports a total of 113 foreign churchmen denounced in the accusation campaign, while 33 others have been expelled, put under house arrest, jailed, or

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25X1 compelled to apologize publicly in lieu of imprisonment. At the same time, Peiping is offering tax exemptions or deductions to the churches.

Comments: Peiping is determined to eliminate foreign influence from Chinese churches. To that end, the regime on the one hand persecutes foreign churchmen and Chinese associated with them, and on the other offers temporary benefits to Chinese churchmen willing to be puppets of the Communists.

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7. Dairen reported to have well-developed defenses:

numerous search lights, radar, gun emplacements and a possible minefield at the port. there are

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Comments: The USSR, which has had operational responsibility for the port of Dairen since 1945, undoubtedly maintains a thorough air and naval defense of the area.

8. KOREA. Well-camouflaged jet airfield reported operational north of Pyongyang: A recently interrogated Communist prisoner of war reported that in mid-June he had observed a well-camouflaged airfield in the Sunchon area, north of Pyongyang. The prisoner stated he had observed five USSR jet fighters, with a reported speed of 625 MPH, stationed there and that both Chinese and Soviet personnel with wings on their blouses were observed shopping in a nearby village. The aircraft reportedly were operational only at "dawn and dusk."

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Comments: While reports no airfield at the place identified by the prisoner, an airfield, capable when repaired of supporting jet aircraft, is known to exist not more than 20 miles from this location. Recent aerial observation has disclosed no aircraft on fields in this area.

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Although this report cannot be confirmed, frequent night interception of UN aircraft has occurred in this general region. It is entirely possible that a limited number of jet fighters could operate undetected from selected fields in the area.

9. JAPAN. Democrats withhold approval of security pact: The Democratic Party cannot express approval or disapproval of the US-Japanese security agreement until further details are made public, according to its Secretary-General. The party, he said, wants details on how expenses will be apportioned between the US and Japan, whether the US garrisons will have extra-territoriality, and what benefits will be given to them.

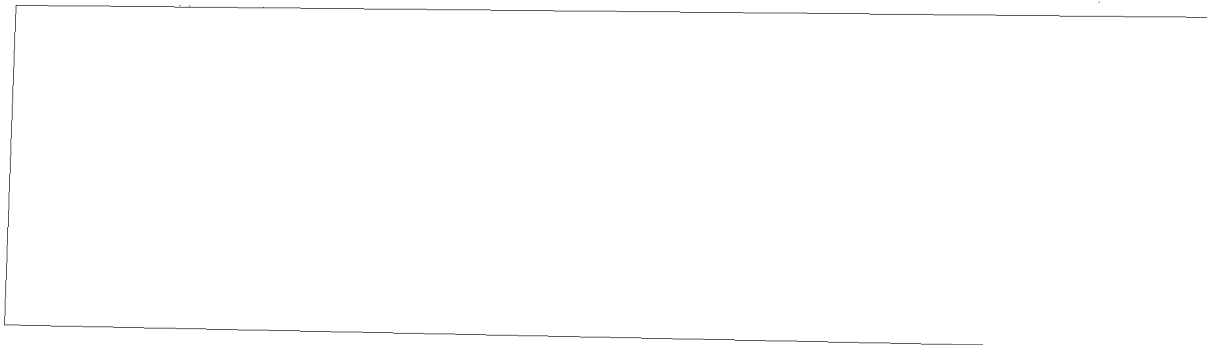
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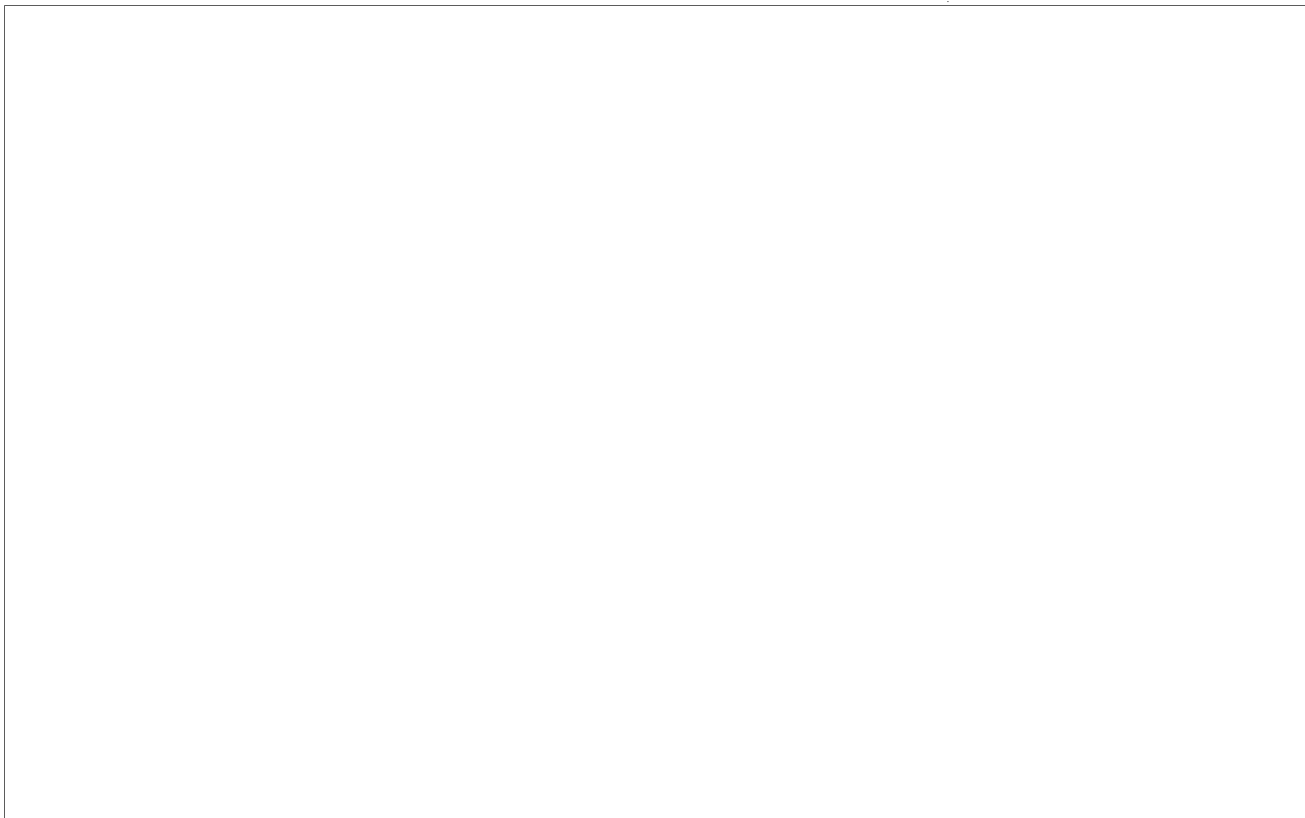
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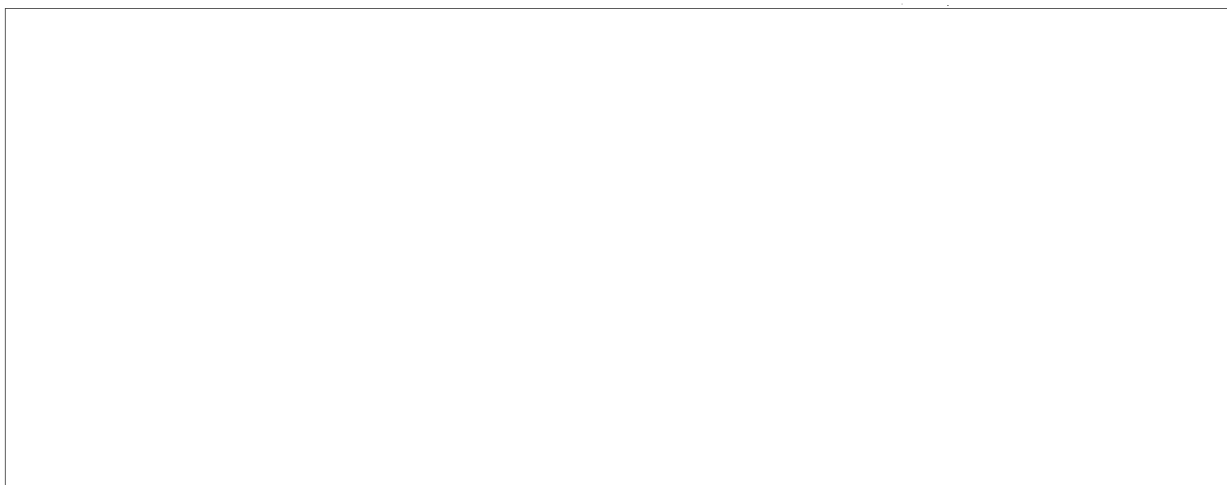
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6. AUSTRIA. Soviet officials seek control of steel-products distribution firm: Soviet occupation authorities are attempting to expand their nominal control over ESTAG, a steel-products distributing firm, by forcing the resignation of the Austrian director and his staff, and by concentrating power in the Soviet director. The ESTAG firm, now subjected to supervision by the

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Administration for Soviet Enterprises, is identified as a large importer of West German steel and the largest distributor for Alpine-Montan Company, a steel-producing firm in the British zone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Soviet control of steel scrap supplies originating in the Soviet zone will force Alpine-Montan to continue to deliver steel products to ESTAG for distribution. [REDACTED]

Comment: Early last spring, the Soviet headquarters made overtures to the Austrian Government for a 50 percent increase in allocations of iron, steel, non-ferrous metals, and chemicals to plants under the Administration for Soviet Enterprises. In spite of threats to reduce oil allocations and to renew restrictions on Danube traffic, the Austrian Government did not increase allotments at that time. Soviet pressure for direct control over the distributing firm suggests that Soviet enterprises are still suffering a shortage of raw materials.

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8. URUGUAY. Ninth Congress of the Union Eslava opens: The Ninth Congress of the Union Eslava in Uruguay opened in Montevideo on 22 September. Thus far participants in the congress apparently have devoted themselves to the "peace" theme and to eulogizing the USSR. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Union Eslava has approximately 1,000 to 1,200 regular dues-paying members, and a considerably larger number of sympathizers. It acts as an orientation point for Communist Slav groups, disseminates propaganda to the Uruguayan interior and to other Latin American countries, and assists the Uruguayan Communist Party. [REDACTED]

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Recently it was indicated that the Polish Communist Party of Brazil would send four members to the congress, and it is likely that delegates from Argentina and Paraguay are attending.

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1. BURMA. Burmese to defer UN appeal on Chinese Nationalist troop issue:  
Burma has agreed to defer an appeal to the UN regarding Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma, pending the reaction to its proposals that the US persuade Taipei to recall Nationalist General Li Mi to Taiwan and to order his troops to leave Burma or surrender for internment. 25X1

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The US Embassy in Rangoon believes that the possibility still exists that Burma's army commander, General Ne Win, with the collaboration of the newly-appointed Burmese Ambassador to Peiping, might attempt a covert arrangement giving the Chinese Communists a free hand to deal with the Nationalists. 25X1

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